



Carney has served as Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of New Castle County and as Secretary of Finance and Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Tom Carper.

## Lieutenant Governor of Delaware



Carney giving a speech, 2005

He was first elected Lieutenant Governor of Delaware in 2000 and served from January 16, 2001 until January 20, 2009.

As Lieutenant Governor Carney presided over the Delaware State Senate and chaired the Board of Pardons. He was chairman of the Delaware Health Care Commission, the Interagency Council on Adult Literacy, the Criminal Justice Council, the Center for Education Technology, and the Livable Delaware Advisory Council. In 2002 he launched the education initiative "Models of Excellence in Education" to identify practices in

schools that have raised student achievement. Carney was also selected by other Lieutenant Governors as chairman of the National Lieutenant Governors Association from July 2004 to July 2005.

Carney has long been an advocate for wellness issues in Delaware, sponsoring "BeHealthy Delaware" and "The Lt. Governor's Challenge" to encourage Delawareans to be more active and address the State's high rate of chronic diseases. He fought for Delaware's public smoking ban to improve health, cut cancer rates, and discourage teens from starting to smoke.

After completing his tenure as lieutenant governor in 2009, Carney served as president and chief operating officer of Transformative Technologies, which is investing in the DelaWind project, to bring offshore wind turbine construction to Delaware.<sup>[5]</sup> He planned to step down in early 2010 to concentrate on his U.S. House campaign.<sup>[6]</sup>

## U.S. House of Representatives

### Elections

#### 2010

Carney was the Democratic Party nominee for Delaware's at-large seat in the United States House of Representatives in 2010. Carney faced Republican Glen Urquhart, Independent Party of Delaware Earl R. Lofland, Libertarian Brent A. Wangen, and Blue Enigma Jeffrey Brown. The seat had been held since 1993 by Republican Michael Castle, who declined to seek re-election to the House in order to run for the U.S. Senate seat once held by Vice President Joe Biden. In the first week of October, Fairleigh Dickinson University's PublicMind Poll released the results of its opinion research, showing Carney with a 15-point advantage over Urquhart, 51%-36%; well ahead in New Castle County (56-32) but running even with Urquhart (43-43) in the downstate counties of Kent and Sussex.<sup>[2]</sup> Days before the election, a second Fairleigh Dickinson poll showed Carney leading by 17 percentage points, 53% to 36% among likely voters.<sup>[8]</sup>

Carney won the seat by 16 points, 57%-41%, and took office on January 3 of 2011. His victory was one of the three seats gained by the Democrats in a year where they suffered a net loss of 63 seats to the Republicans.

#### 2012

In his bid for a second term, Carney faced Republican Tom Kovach, the President of New Castle County Council, and two minor candidates. In a debate with Kovach, Carney stated, "I will continue to do in Washington what I did in Delaware: work across the aisle to get things done. I learned early on that compromise is part of life."

<b>Political party</b>	Democratic
<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Tracey Quillen
<b>Residence</b>	Governor's Mansion
<b>Education</b>	Dartmouth College (BA) University of Delaware (MPA)
<b>Website</b>	Official website ( <a href="http://governor.delaware.gov/">http://governor.delaware.gov/</a> )

Speaking on the Affordable Care Act (commonly called Obamacare), Carney stated that it "is not perfect" but that it is the "only chance we have to get costs under control."<sup>[9]</sup> Carney was re-elected in a landslide, with 64% of the vote to Kovach's 33%.

## 2014

Carney ran for re-election to a third term in 2014. He defeated Republican Rose Izzo by 59% to 37%, with Green Bernie August and Libertarian Scott Gesty taking 2% each.

## Tenure

In 2011, Carney and Illinois Republican Aaron Schock co-sponsored a bill that would use U.S. oil exploration to help fund a five-year federal highway construction project. The bill has not been voted on as of April 2012.<sup>[10][11]</sup>

On April 7, 2014, Carney introduced the Expatriate Health Coverage Clarification Act of 2014 (H.R. 4414; 113th Congress) into the House.<sup>[12]</sup> The bill would exempt expatriate health care plans from the requirements of the Affordable Care Act.<sup>[13]</sup> Carney argued that expatriates, a group that includes businessmen, pilots, and ship captains, usually already have special, high-quality health care plans designed to meet the unique needs to expatriates.<sup>[13]</sup> Carney said that "expatriate health insurance plans offer high-end, robust coverage to executives and others working outside their home country, giving them access to a global network of health care providers."<sup>[13]</sup> Carney indicated that requiring American expatriate health care providers to meet the tax and reporting requirements of the Affordable Care Act would put them at an unfair competitive disadvantage in comparison to foreign companies offering similar health care plans.<sup>[13]</sup>

## Committee assignments

- Committee on Financial Services
  - Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government-Sponsored Enterprises
  - Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade
  - Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

# Governor of Delaware

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## Elections

### 2008

Carney sought the Democratic nomination for the office of governor in 2008, as incumbent Governor Ruth Ann Minner was constitutionally barred from seeking a third term. However, despite the backing of most of the party establishment, Carney lost the Democratic primary by fewer than two thousand votes in a close race to State Treasurer Jack Markell, who went on to win the general election.<sup>[14]</sup>

### 2016

Carney once again sought the Democratic nomination for the office of governor in 2016, as incumbent Governor Jack Markell was constitutionally barred from seeking a third term. Carney won the Democratic primary unopposed and went on to win the general election.<sup>[15]</sup>

## Tenure

On July 12, 2017, following his signing of Executive Order 11 to reestablish the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, Carney said, "The Juvenile Justice Advisory Group will help us create an environment where all Delaware kids have an opportunity to succeed. This Executive Order will recharge and reenergize the group to find solutions that will work."<sup>[16]</sup> July 20, Carney vetoed a Delaware House of Representatives bill removing the five-mile radius of Delaware charter schools with enrollment preference and keeping out students in Wilmington, charging it with negatively impacting "some of our most vulnerable students."<sup>[17]</sup>

On October 13, 2017, in response to President Donald Trump's ending cost-sharing reductions within the American health care system, Carney asserted the choice would lead to "more people being uninsured in our state, which eventually means increased premiums for all of us" and pledged he would work with the state congressional delegation to return the cost-sharing reductions.<sup>[18]</sup>



Carney at a campaign event, June 23, 2008

## Electoral history

Elections are held the first Tuesday after November 1. The Lieutenant Governor takes office the third Tuesday of January with a four-year term. U.S. Representatives take office January 3 and have a two-year term.

Public Offices			
Office	Type	Location	Years
<u>Lieutenant Governor</u>	<u>Executive</u>	<u>Dover</u>	January 16, 2001 – January 18, 2005
<u>Lieutenant Governor</u>	<u>Executive</u>	<u>Dover</u>	January 18, 2005 – January 20, 2009

Election results											
Year	Office	Election	Subject	Party	Votes	%	Opponent	Party	Votes	%	
2000	<u>Lt. Governor</u>	General	John Carney	<u>Democratic</u>	193,348	62%	Dennis J. Rochford	<u>Republican</u>	119,943	38%	
2004	<u>Lt. Governor</u>	General	John Carney	<u>Democratic</u>	218,272	62%	James P. Ursomarso	<u>Republican</u>	127,425	36%	
2008	<u>Governor</u>	Primary	John Carney	<u>Democratic</u>	36,112	49%	Jack Markell	<u>Democratic</u>	37,849	51%	
2010	<u>U.S. House of Representatives</u>	General	John Carney	<u>Democratic</u>	173,443	57%	Glen Urquhart	<u>Republican</u>	125,408	41%	
2012	<u>U.S. House of Representatives</u>	General	John Carney	<u>Democratic</u>	249,905	64%	Tom Kovach	<u>Republican</u>	129,749	33%	
2014	<u>U.S. House of Representatives</u>	General	John Carney	<u>Democratic</u>	137,251	59%	Rose Izzo	<u>Republican</u>	85,146	37%	
2016	<u>Governor</u>	General	John Carney	<u>Democratic</u>	248,404	58%	Colin Bonini	<u>Republican</u>	166,852	39%	

## Personal life

Carney and his wife, Tracey, have two children, Sam and Jimmy. They attended Wilmington Friends School. Sam Carney graduated from Clemson University, while Jimmy is a computer science major at Tufts University.<sup>[19]</sup> In 2015 Sam Carney was named as one of a number of defendants in two separate lawsuits filed by the parents of

Tucker Hipps, whose 2014 death allegedly occurred during a fraternity hazing incident.<sup>[20][21]</sup> The lawsuit was settled in July 2017.<sup>[22][23]</sup>

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Preceded by <b>Ruth Ann Minner</b>	<b>Lieutenant Governor of Delaware</b> 2001–2009	Succeeded by <b>Matthew Denn</b>
Preceded by <b>Jack Markell</b>	<b>Governor of Delaware</b> 2017–present	<b>Incumbent</b>
U.S. House of Representatives		
Preceded by <b>Mike Castle</b>	<b>Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Delaware's at-large congressional district</b> 2011–2017	Succeeded by <b>Lisa Blunt Rochester</b>
Party political offices		
Preceded by <b>Jack Markell</b>	<b>Democratic nominee for Governor of Delaware</b> 2016, 2020	<b>Most recent</b>
U.S. order of precedence (ceremonial)		
Preceded by <b>Mike Pence</b> <i>as Vice President</i>	<b>Order of Precedence of the United States</b> Within Delaware	Succeeded by <b>Mayor of city in which event is held</b>
		Succeeded by <b>Otherwise Nancy Pelosi</b> <i>as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives</i>
Preceded by <b>Rick Scott</b> <i>as Least senior United States Senator</i>	<b>Order of Precedence of the United States</b> Outside Delaware	Succeeded by <b>Tom Wolf</b> <i>as Governor of Pennsylvania</i>

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